

Portfolio Club records

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Portfolio Club records
Date	1890-1974
Extent	0.6 Cubic feet 2 manuscript boxes, 1 oversize folder
Language	English

Preferred Citation

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Administrative history

"The Portfolio, founded in 1890 with Hilton U. Brown as the first president, came about because Mrs. T.C. (Mary) Steele wanted to form a club with a group of congenial spirits and practitioners of the various arts who had been meeting informally for a long time. The purpose was to discuss the life and direction of the arts in Indianapolis. Membership in The Portfolio was to include men and women on an equal basis, with each member (or at least one member of a couple) being a professional in some facet of the arts and all members having an active interest in fostering the arts.

Traditionally, The Portfolio meetings are held once a month, October to May. Meetings include supper and a program dealing with some aspect of the arts. In the early years there was music at each meeting and a member read a "paper" which was followed with discussion. At times, members gave a play – often prepared, sometimes extemporaneous. For many years the members held an annual bowling contest at the Das Deutsche Hause, a Christmas Party, and summer picnic.

While changes have come about over the years, The Portfolio continues to devote itself to the original premise of active participation in and support of the arts in all its forms. The Portfolio remains a congenial group of folks who meet for supper and an enjoyable presentation pertaining to the arts."

(From The Portfolio, "A History." In The Portfolio, "About," The Portfolio Club, accessed December 30, 2015, <http://www.theportfolioclub.org>.)

Scope and Contents

This collection includes yearbooks, programs, and photographs from the Portfolio Club in Indianapolis, Indiana ranging from 1890 to 1974, as well as one orange, Halloween-themed paper doily from the club created sometime between 1890-1974.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by format.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Blanche Stillson.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2015/11/23 by Lauren Patton. EAD finding aid created 2015/11/23 by Lauren Patton.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Photographs

Personal Name(s)

- Forsyth, William, 1854-1935
- Steele, Theodore Clement, 1847-1926

Subject(s)

- Arts--Indiana
- Yearbooks

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Yearbooks, 1906-1925	1	1
Yearbooks, 1925-1932	1	2
Yearbooks, 1932-1941	1	3
Yearbooks, 1941-1950	1	4
Yearbooks, 1950-1962	1	5
Yearbooks, 1962-1974	2	1
Programs, mailings, and clippings, 1890-1955	2	2
Photographs, circa 1920s-1930s	2	3
		Oversize
Portfolio Club Halloween doily, undated		OB096